2/21/70

Dear Bud,

I have gone over the Ferrie file. I have segregated, in a separate envelope, that of which I would like copies. In some cases, if you belie ve it is okay, I would like to send copies to Paul and Gary for them to see what they may have that fits. This may be a more important file than you indicate recognizing. When you have time, I think we should discuss this. It made provide several missing links. Of one I am fairly certain because I have been looking for it so long. I will make a list of those of which I'd appreciate more than one copy.

Of your handwritten notes, the sheet in pencil does not especially interest me but I'd like a copy of the important ones, still attached at the top, written in ink. There is, as you spotted in the file, a very clear inference Ferrie and Andrews had some kind of relationship.

The reference to "station managers" probably is to radio-station managers, and this is the first such reference I have seen. I presume this was given to you verbally. Now it is not in the Southern Research file (which is incomplete), where one would expect it to be and which, in itself, raises questions. Dowling was Jim predicessor. Whether it was your idea or an informants, without having the text of a single Ferrie talk I am willing to presume they are consistent with what Rickenbacher would have said and probably did.

The Arcacha letter is significant, very much so. I hope you have a copy. Ditto for the Rickenbacher letter to Ferrie of 3/23/63. Is it not strange there has been no indication of this turning up in his property? Or does Gill have it, as he apparently has a number of things of Ferrie's, according to Morris Brownlee. This letter is rather unusual because of the existing indications of Ferrie's lack of shall we call it responsibility, financial and sexual.

What do you suppose led to the wiretap (Fla.)?

The notes on the Senate pad are also interesting. The two teenagers were probably Martens and possibly Beauboeuf, who went back, but not ~~xxxx~~ certainly him. How good is the info on blank passports there? Interest, if true, that he was known in Europe or East. Europe well enough for his help in entering US to be asked. If JG had gotten such a logbook of Texas flights, I think we'd have geard of it...Wonder who is su ected of being bribed to drop charges for $3,000. Do you think a "Wasserman associate" would take such a risk? Or Marcello or any of his close ones? I think the file indicates otherwise. And do you not think we'd know if a detective on Jim's staff got blank passports, told the feds and they had no interest? Do you think he'd have been silent on this? Or, perhaps, he didn't know? If these things may not be likely true, they are worth some effort in trying to establish truth, and I'd like what you can let me have on this for this purpose.

Several of Waldron's questions to NOPD Lt. Marvin Leonard 11/21/66 are interesting. Wonder what turned him on then? I had given Harrison Salisbury ms WWII. No other book mentioned this. Presumeably Garrison was not talking then. The answers would also be interesting, I like the question, did Oswald ask for an FBI agent by name. And the suspicions about the Bringuier story (which I could have caused). Or of evidence FBI paid Oswald, or that O's pamphlets were found in Ferrie's home (I must tell you one in which one will be found). The name A.W. Will, service-station operator, seems familiar but I cannot place it. The Connie Kaye story is either a little different than published or a little off.

There is a sheaf of originals headed "surveillance", apparently this part of the Southern Research report. duplicating some of the last pages of their

identified report. I take it the red markings on p.34 are yours and the impication Mr. 5'5" is Beano. The name Winkler also seems slightly familiar and again I cannot place it.

There are two copies of the credit report. It is not of great importance to me but I'd like one for the completeness of the file.

I have attached all the NOPD reports togeteher and I'd like them for several special pruposes. If you have time to regard them again, I think if you look for what you'd expect, based on what we've been told, you'll not find it. In other words, to play a game a bit until we discuss it, what is not here that you'd expect to be prominent in the part relating to Landry? Al, that is.

Some of thenames in the CAP list are interesting and I'd like to check them them out. I'd like a copy of this entire file, if it is not asking too muhh. It should be gone over carefully, and Paul and Jim also should do this. In a hasty glance, I was interested to note that O'Sullivan was more then his testimony would indicate. He was first a lieutenant and than a captain. You'd never know it from the WC record. Max Gonzalez in CAP, too? One name is much like that of an FBI agent never mentioned. Jim should be asked to study this long accumulation of numbers.

Several of the pages refer to Oswald. Did these come from Jim, from notes found in Ferrie's apt? Here again, I think Paul?Jim S should go over the other numbers on the same pages. And names, for there seems to be no relationship (like Oswald and Coffey; Pinky and bivouac. Some of the phone numbers do seem familiar, which I suppose often seems to be the case but isn't. Blackmon lived with Ferrie? And Ferrie bought a pistol 11/5/63? When on his uppers? Can you make out the smaller bill. The beginning of a (to me) possible solution to one of the Ferrie mysteries, one of his last notes, may be in here. In it he referred to "Flying Baragona on (or in) the Beach". There is a copy of a card with Jimmy Baragona on it. The map in the letter is of the area of the Camps. Beauboeuf paid the phone bills? The phone was in his name, in 2/67? Sam Newman's name in here? And all those fine bishops excommunicated at one time, including, it would seem, the man who became (or then was?) mayor, Victor Schiro?

Some of this deserves closer study.

Of the EAL brief, I'd like 3 copies of pp 5 7, 13. There is a different picture of Irion here than in the FBI reports.

NOPD Spp rep 8/5-16/61, also 3 copies;2/14/59, EAL dir security tip on Ferrie's gun-running, with surveillance showing nothing, two copies; 5/31/63, Joe Oster EAL investigator, 2 copies. Can you tell me the source? Know who he is? 5/2/63, memo on Gill's intercepsion with Morrison and Long, 2 copies (rather exceptional, isn't it?);10/30/63, Ferrie, 1 copy; and, if possible, the entire Southern Research report (is this the very end?).

What do we know, if anything, of FBI Agt Sheer (sic)?

Fascinating.

Sincerely,